
*** CONNIE MACK WATCHES HIS YOUNGSTERS AND ***
*** LETS VETERANS TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES ***
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* **The Foxy Leader of the Athletics Has His Eyes Always on the** *
 * **Future in Training His World's Champions.** *



San Antonio, Texas, March 15.

MANAGER CONNIE MACK of the world's champions is here, training his team for the 1912 campaign, and picking out the men who can be developed into stars two or three seasons hence.

This training trip will cost his club \$18,000. That's as much as some major league clubs paid in salaries to all their players for a whole season 25 years ago.

Mack could have toured the south with his champions this spring and cleared all expenses. Instead, with no idea of finding a "phenom" to replace a star this year, he is toiling like the leader of a tail-end club to spot the lads who, two, three or four seasons hence, may be qualified for regular places on his team.

Mack is always planning for the years to come.

He develops his own players. He gets them very young, usually out of high schools or colleges. He aims to secure them before they have bad baseball habits; that is, false or incorrect methods in batting, throwing, pitching, etc.

Mack first watches a lad's physical faults. He tries to correct them. If the lad won't listen to advice off the team he goes. His ticket to a minor league city reads only one way. Only one man in 11 years ever came back to the club. This is Bris Lord.

After curing a player of his false motions, Connie starts to train him physically and mentally. He coaches the lad on the

field and he seats him near him on the bench during a game and explains to the lad the various plays as they come up.

Mack next tries him in every position until he finds the one the lad can play best. Then he waits for the decline of the veteran.

Some day a man is needed for a man's job on the diamond and the recruit who has been trained carefully steps into the limelight a finished baseball product. It was so with Collins, Barry, Lapp, Mc-